CGHS Ayurvedic Hospitals

3948. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of CGHS Ayurvedic Hospitals working at present in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether most of the hospitals are running without Medical Superintendent;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that CGHS Ayurvedic Dispensary, Lodhi Road, New Delhi is without Medical Superintendent since 1997;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(f) by when Government propose to appoint regular Medical Superintendent in the said Dispensary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) There is only one CGHS Ayurvedic Hospital in Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

(b) The above hospital does not have a regular Medical Superintendent.

(c) to (f) The post of Medical Superintendent, CGHS Ayurvedic Hospital is lying vacant since 31.12.1997 due to superannuation of the incumbent. According to Recruitment Rules the post is required to be filled up by promotion of CMO (Ayurveda) with 8 years regular service in the grade failing which by transfer on deputation including short-term contract. Since no CMO (Ayurveda) was eligible for considertion for promotion, the post was circulated in December, 1999 for filling it up on deputation basis. The UPSC held the interview for selection but no suitable candidate could be found. The post was again circulated on 2-8th March, 2002 for filing it up on deputation as no CMO (Ayurveda) was eligible for promotion. The selection will be made through UPSC. However as an interim arrangement Adviser (Ayurveda) who is the senior most officer in the Cadre has been given the additional charge of the post of Medical Superintendent of Ayurvedic Hospital.